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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN COMMENTS ON PLO SPEECH IN UNSC

1. EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID ASSERTED TO BENNETT THAT THERE WERE TWO ITEMS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN JANUARY 12 STATEMENT TO UNSC BY PLO REP KADDOUMI. MEGUID PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON OMISSION OF THE WORD "SECULAR" FROM PLO PRESENTATION AND SAID HE HOPED WE HAD NOT MISSED THIS DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HE MEGUID KNEW REPRESENTED IMPORTANT MOVE ON PART OF PLO. FURTHER, HE POINTED OUT, PLO STATEMENT HAD INCLUDED REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH INDICATED PLO READINESS TO ENGAGE IN PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ON OTHER HAND, MEGUID SAID HE HAD FOUND U.S. STATEMENT MODERATE, LESS HARSH THAN OUR POSITION LAST DECEMBER. WE HAD AVOIDED USE OF WORD "TERRORISM," AND THIS OMISSION HAD NOT GONE UNNOTICED AMONG ARABS, INCLUDING PLO.

3. MEGUID WENT ON TO STATE HE KNEW FOR FACT THAT PLO REPS HAD COME TO NEW YORK UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH U.S. TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. HE CONCLUDED WITH PLEA, WHICH WAS REPEAT OF HIS EARLIER COMMENTS TO MOYNIHAN, THAT U.S. KEEP DOOR OPEN TO
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